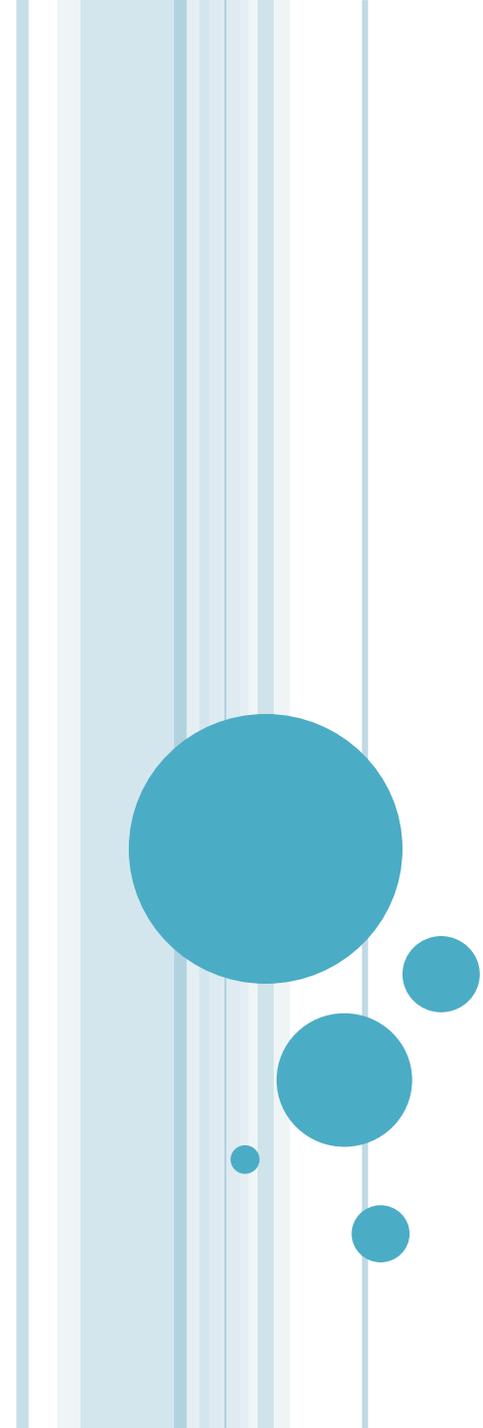


*Modern-Day Slavery: It Ends With Us*

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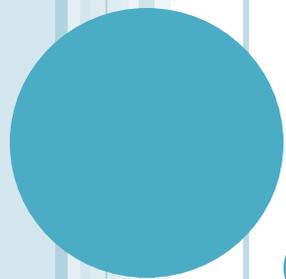
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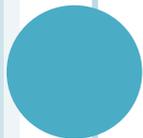


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# President Barack Obama on Human Trafficking:



*“It ought to concern every person, because it’s a debasement of our common humanity.*

*It ought to concern every community, because it tears at the social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets.*

*It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime.*

*I’m talking about the injustice, the outrage, of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name – modern slavery.”*



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# GROWING COALITION OF PARTNERS



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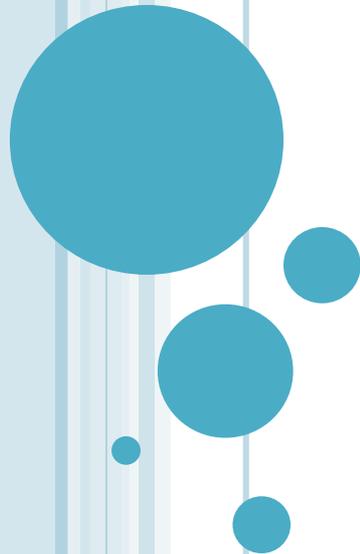
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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

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# THE DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

“Severe Forms” of human trafficking:

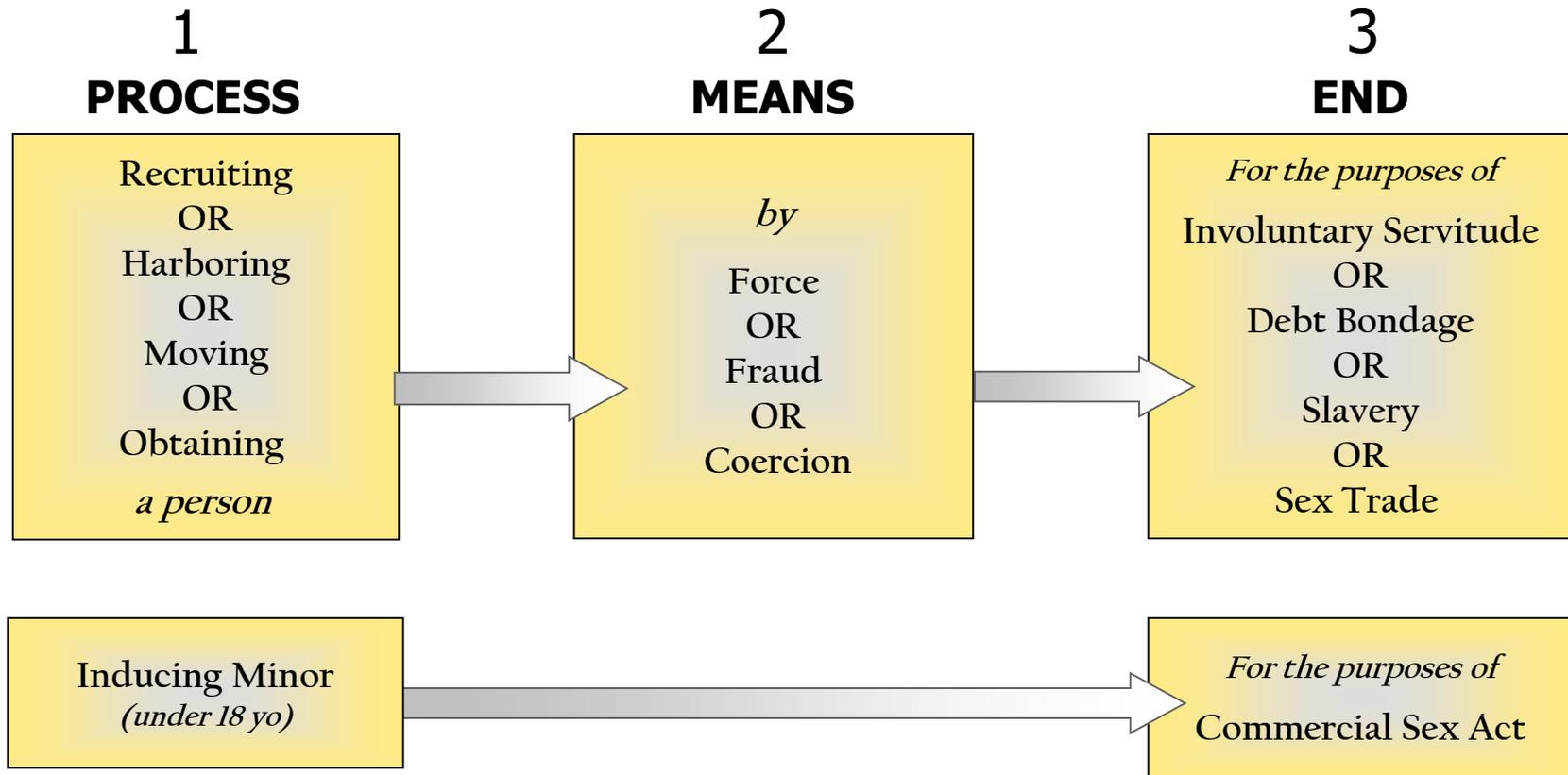
(a) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or

(b) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000



# THREE ELEMENTS OF TRAFFICKING



# TRAFFICKING VS. SMUGGLING

## Trafficking

- Contains elements of coercion (one cannot consent to enslavement)
- Subsequent exploitation and/or forced labor or commercial sex
- Crime against a person
- Trafficked persons seen as victims in eyes of the law

## Smuggling

- No coercion; business transaction between migrant and smuggler
- Unauthorized crossing of borders
- Crime against a country or state
- Smuggled persons seen as criminals in eyes of the law



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# WHO ARE TRAFFICKED AND ENSLAVED PERSONS?

- Men, women and children
- Varying ages
- Varying levels of education
- May be US Citizens or
- Voluntary migrants
  - Seeking to improve their situation



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# WHO ARE THE TRAFFICKERS?

- Organized crime/Gangs
- Neighbors, friends, family members, village chiefs, returnees
- Agricultural operations
- Owners of small or medium-sized businesses
- Families (including diplomats)



# Who Are the Traffickers?

Ran multiple brothels in UK



Violent OC pimp



Labor trafficking in UK



Sex Trafficking in WI

Sex trafficking of niece



Sex trafficking in FL



Alleged labor trafficking in CA

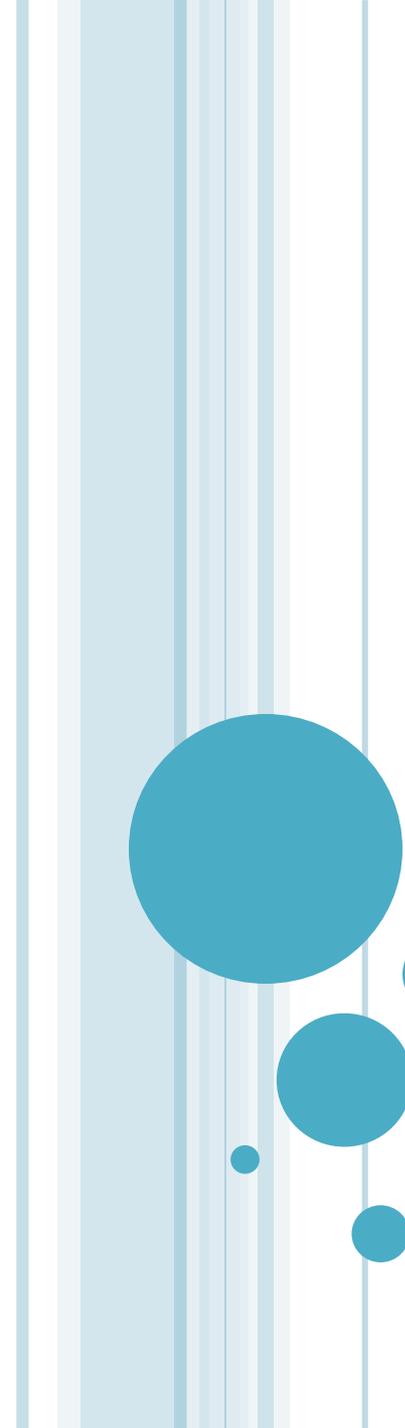


Labor trafficking in HI

# HOW PEOPLE ARE RECRUITED

- Acquaintances or family
- Labor Brokers/Recruiters
- Newspaper ads
- Fake employment agencies
- Front businesses
- Word of mouth
- Abduction





# SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM



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# AN UNDER-IDENTIFIED CRIME

- It is estimated that 21 million people are enslaved around the world today
- It is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the 21st century – a \$150 billion industry worldwide

International Labor Organization



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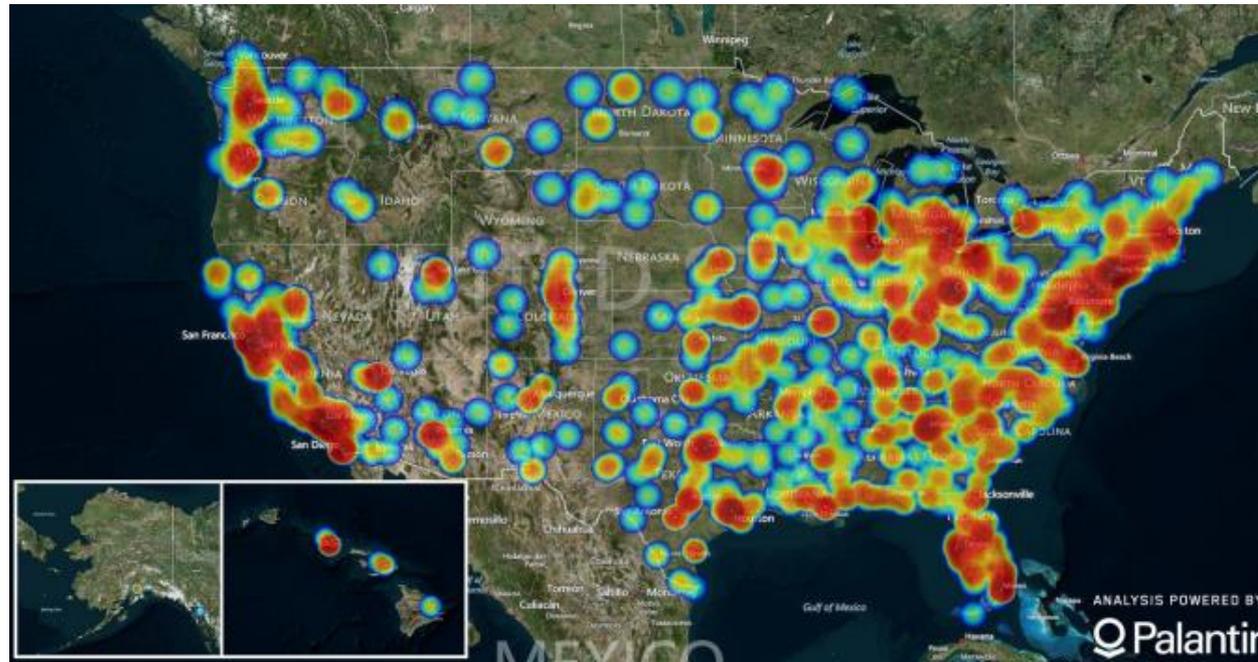
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# AN UNDER-IDENTIFIED CRIME

- Between 14,500 and 17,500 human beings are trafficked in the United States annually

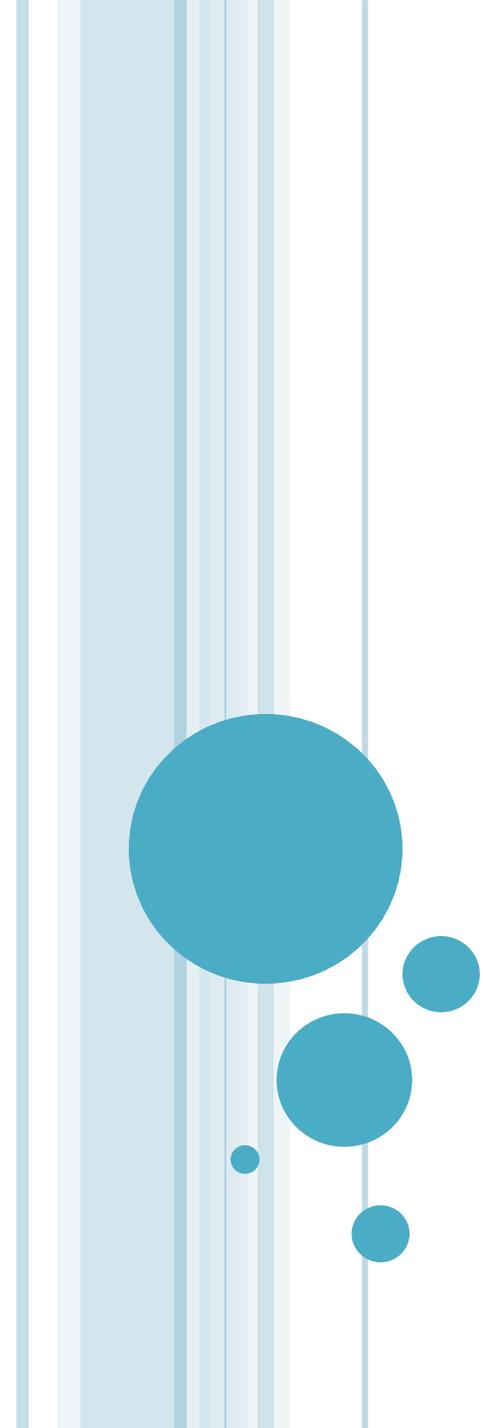
U.S. Department of State

- The Los Angeles area is one of the top areas for human trafficking in the country



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# IDENTIFYING VICTIMS

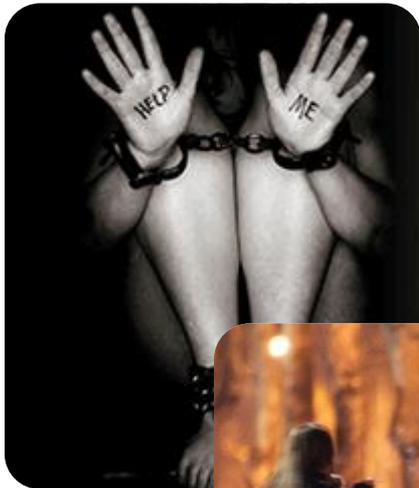


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# WHO ARE TRAFFICKED AND ENSLAVED PERSONS?

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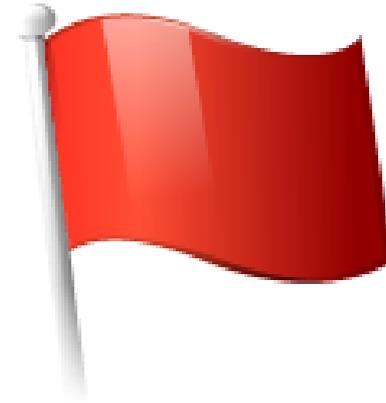
Reality



# POSSIBLE INDICATORS OR RED FLAGS

## Victims of Sex Trafficking:

- Excess amount of cash
- Hotel room keys
- Chronic runaway/homeless
- Signs of “branding” tattoos
- Changes in behavior or dress
- Relationships with older men
- Presence of overly controlling and/or abusive “boyfriend”



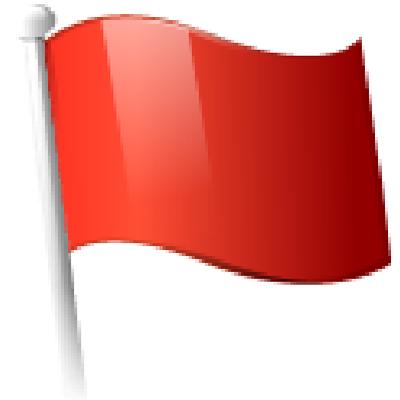
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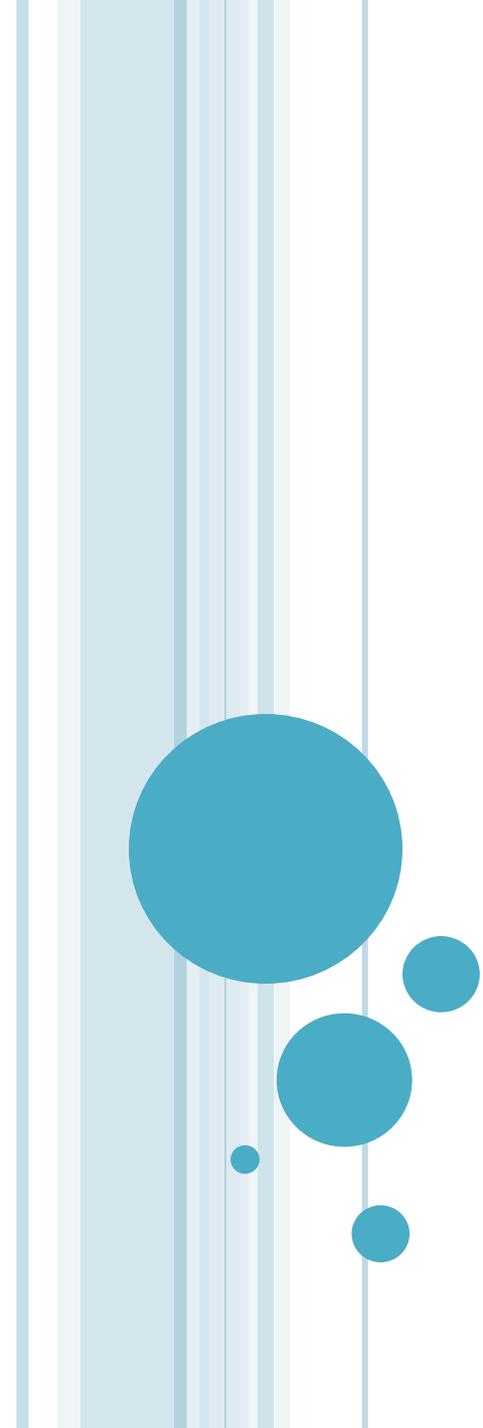
## Victims of Labor Trafficking:

- Injuries/signs of physical or psychological abuse
- Having to work excessive hours or when sick
- Working to pay off a debt
- Not able to talk to friends or family
- Restricted/scripted communication
- Inconsistencies in story
- No ID documents



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# LABOR TRAFFICKING



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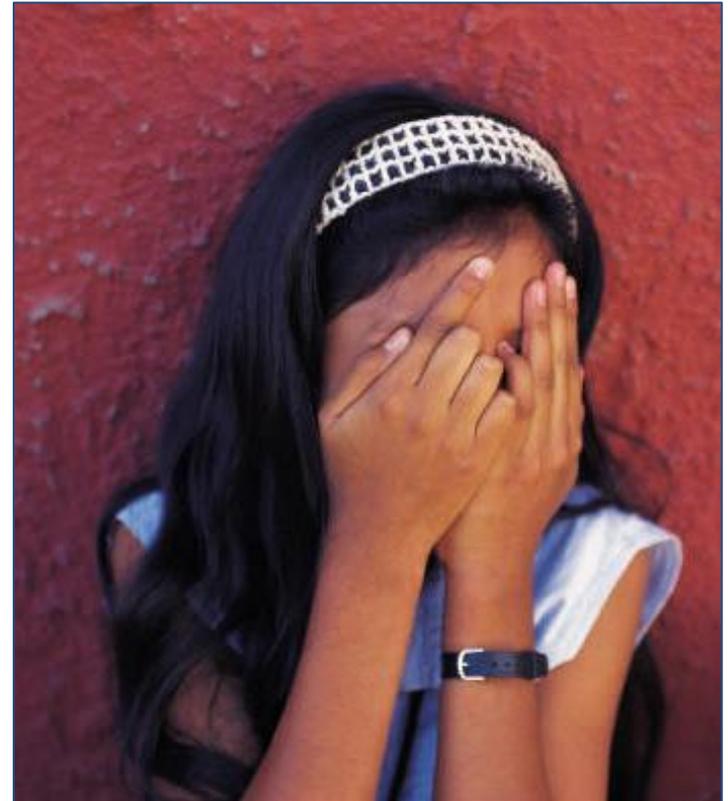
# EXAMPLES OF LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Domestic service
- Factories
- Begging/Peddling
- Agriculture
- Criminal activity
- Restaurant work
- Construction
- Hotel/motel housekeeping
- Other informal labor sectors



# CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Magazine crews
- Domestic Servitude/Au Pairs
- Forced to sell/make drugs
- Restaurant Work
- Forced peddling
- Agricultural work
- Hair Braiding Salons



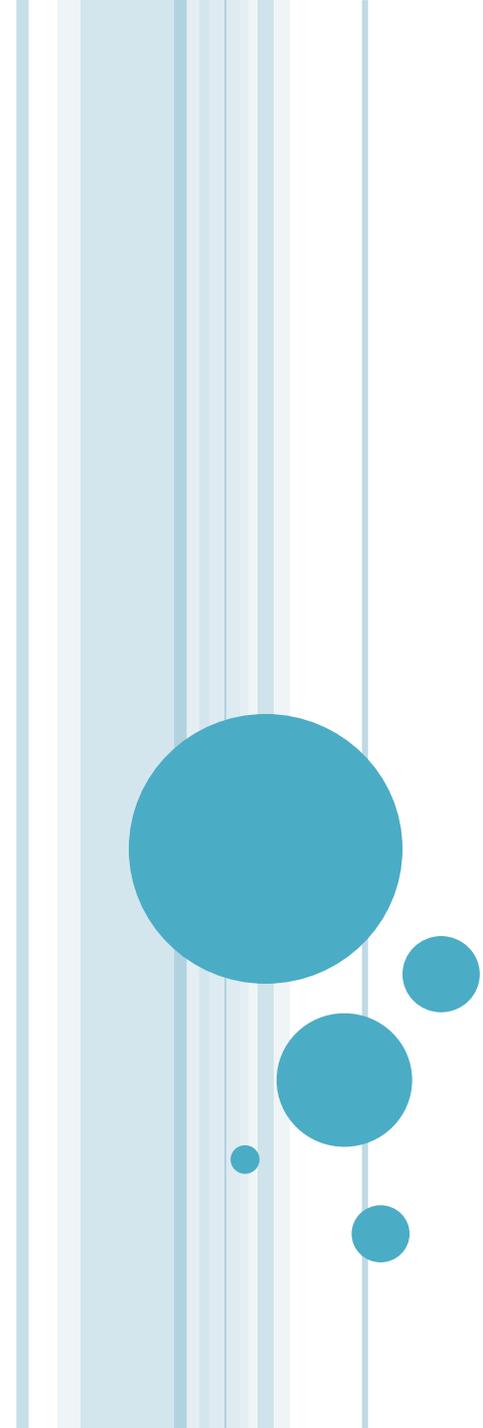
# STATS ON CHILD LABOR TRAFFICKING FROM THE NHTRC

- Most common type of child labor trafficking case calls from hotline
  - Sales crews/peddling rings (196 cases)
  - Domestic Work (25 Cases)
  - Restaurant Work (25 Cases)
  - Small Business (17 Cases)
  - Agriculture (7 Cases)



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# SEX TRAFFICKING



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# EXAMPLES OF COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS

- Street prostitution
- Pornography
- Exotic/nude massage
- Escort services
- Phone sex lines
- Gang based prostitution
- International pimping
  - Sex Tourism
- Forms of internet based exploitation



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# PATHWAYS TO ENTRY

- Seduction and coercion
- False advertising for “modeling,” “acting,” or “dancing” opportunities
- Internet enticement through chat rooms or profile sharing sites
- Peer recruitment
- Violence and force
- Kidnapping
- Parents selling children



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**310 S. Virgil**



**132 S. Kingsley**



**165 N. Hoover**



**932 Irolo**



Windows are nailed shut to prevent escape

Heavy furniture is placed in front of the door

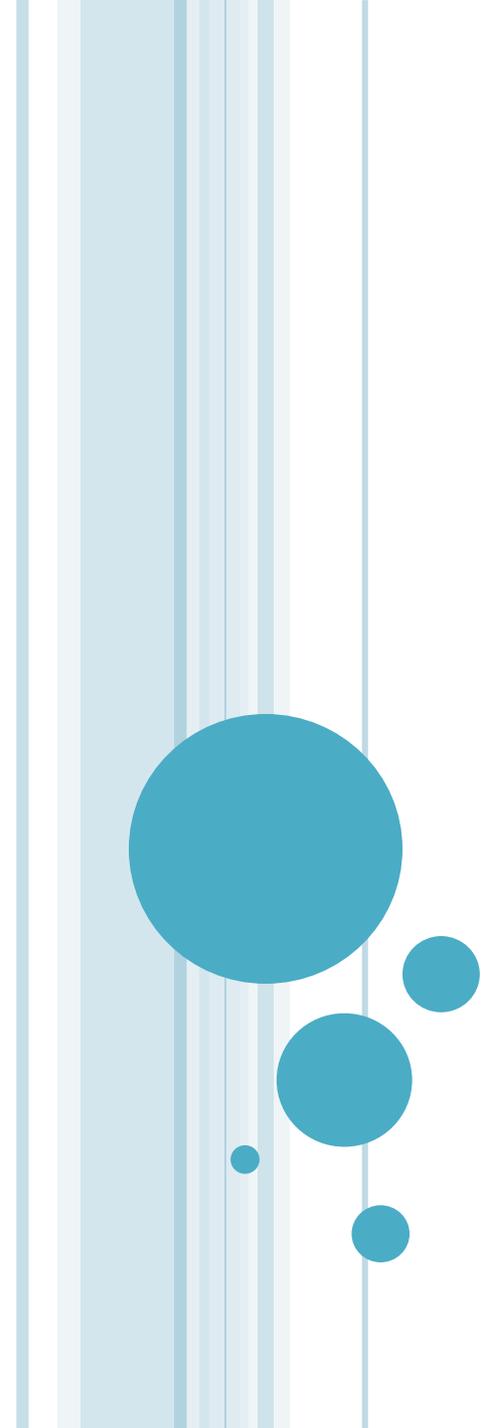
**MINOR FEMALES #2 & #3 BEDROOM**



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# RESPONDING TO SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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# VICTIMS MAY NOT APPEAR TO WANT HELP

- Captivity, confinement and isolation
- Fear, shame, self-blame and hopelessness
- Non-identification as a victim
- Use or threat of violence
- Distrust of authority
- Dependency
- Debt bondage
- Stockholm Syndrome



# CLIENTS REACTIONS TO TRAFFICKING EXPERIENCE MAY INCLUDE:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Cognitive
- Behavioral
- Spiritual



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ARE OFTEN SEEN AS CRIMINALS

- Traffickers often force victims to commit crimes in the course of their trafficking
- Child sex trafficking is still criminalized in most states where children cannot legally consent to sex.
  - For this reason many child sex trafficking victims continue to be arrested
  - Many law enforcement partners advocate for arrest as a means of referring child victims to services



# PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF TRAFFICKING

- Anxiety disorders and depression are common
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);  
3 clusters of symptoms:
  - Re-experiencing
  - Avoidance and numbing
  - Hyper-arousal
- Guilt, shame, low self-esteem



# FACTORS AFFECTING RECOVERY

- Interaction with law enforcement and legal system
- Having basic and emergency needs met
- Access to supportive/therapeutic activities
- Return of control over own life
- Ability to work and become self-sufficient



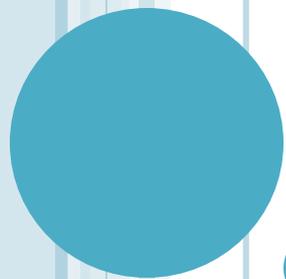
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# FOR IMMEDIATE HELP WITH VICTIM RESPONSE

- Call 911
- Call CAST Hotline
  - 888.KEY.2.FRE(EDOM)
  - 888.539.2373
- Call National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline
  - 1.888.373.7888





# QUESTIONS?



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